

Neurological Fair March 24th 2018 Evaluation Report

There were 31 stalls at the fair and a total of 111 people attended (65 am and 46 pm).

How people learned about the event and their reasons for attending

Of the 10 respondents, 2 received an e-mail invitation, 1 saw a poster, 3 learned about the event from a friend or other contact, heard about it through local groups (Medway Parent Carers, Disability Medway both via Facebook) and 1 read about it in Kent Messenger. One comment related to publicity: "info on further events made in time to arrange to come"

Attendees had varied reasons for coming to the event, 3 had a neurological condition themselves, 4 cared for someone with a neurological condition, 4 worked with people with neurological conditions, 1 knew someone and one ran a support group. Eight people wanted to learn about local services in general, 1 wanted to learn about research done at the School, 1 to learn more about stroke and 2 wanted to meet other people with similar interest in neurological conditions.

Views on the event

Few people rated the talks, but those who did mostly gave scores of 5 (excellent). People did take away quite a lot of materials from the School of Pharmacy stall (we didn't have many left!)

Comments on the venue were all positive: "good"; "excellent"; "easy to access".

Timing/length of event was also considered positive: "just right"; "useful having morning and evening session".

Views on the range of stands/materials were varied, some considered the range excellent, but a number of suggestions for other information and input were made:

"more input from NHS services would have been helpful, especially Kent Clinical Neuropsychology. The community Brain Injury team and physiotherapy. Felt a bit OT heavy"

"wished for something for dyslexic people, autistic people and dyspraxic people and anxiety"

"more info on specific conditions/strategies"

"I would like a local neurofibromatosis group – a common, little known condition affecting 1 in 2500 people"

Learning/value and future events

Five said they were very likely to come to another event and four possibly would. Six said they were very likely to recommend a similar event to someone else and 2 more possibly would. Eight said they had learned something new from coming to the fair, but one had not. Specific learning mentioned were: services and support available (3), leaflets, making contacts, medicine side effects and medicine burden.

Three said what they learned would be useful to them, one said it would not and one was not sure. Comments were:

"I work in a clinical setting - this will inform my work"

"An eye opener on services available and support, discovered new avenues to support the service users"

"Bought vibroswing set"

"This was my first neurological fair and I will definitely come back, hopefully bring some of the service users I support."